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On instructions from my Government and further to our earlier letters concerning Israel's attacks on southern Lebanon and the Western Bekaa and the arbitrary practices against the civilian inhabitants in which it engages on a daily basis, I have the honour to notify you of the series of such incidents that took place in December 1999.

1 December 1999

Between 0530 and 0600 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 1430 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the westernmost neighbourhood of Arabsalim from the Suwayda hill position. A civilian vehicle was hit.

Between 1520 and 1540 hours Israeli occupation forces fired seven 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas Sribbin and Haddatha from the Tall Ya'qub position.

At 1715 hours the proxy militia fired four 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the outskirts of Bra'shit from Ba'lul hill.

At 1825 hours the proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Tibnit from the Burj hill position.

At 1845 hours the proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Tibnit from the Ali al-Tahir hill position. A resident's vehicle was damaged.

2 December 1999

Between 0315 and 0430 hours an Israeli gunboat offshore between Mansuri and Sarafand fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0220 and 0545 hours Israeli occupation forces at the Dabshah hill position fired several direct-fire rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas around the position and at outlying areas of Nabatiyah al-Fawqa.

Between 0615 and 0635 hours the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at Mazra'at Uqmata, Mlita hill and areas along the Zahrani River towards Habbush from the Zafatah and Sujud hill positions.

At 0545 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired several 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the outskirts of Bra'shit from Ba'lul hill and Saff al-Hawwa'.

At 0645 hours the collaborators' militia fired three 120-mm mortar shells at an area to the west of Jabal Jabbur from the Ahmadiyah hill position.

At 1420 hours the collaborators' militia and Israeli occupation forces fired two 155-mm artillery shells, 11 direct-fire rounds and six 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells at areas around and inside Majdal Zun and Mansuri from the Tall Ya'qub, Shama' and Hardun positions. In Majdal Zun and Mansuri several occupied dwellings were hit by shrapnel and badly damaged. The damaged dwellings in Majdal Zun belong to Ali Husayn al-Jabali, Mahmud al-Hajj Abdu Sa'id and Ali Jandal al-Durr, and those in Mansuri belong to Hasan Mahmud Matar, Muhammad Salim Harb, Ibrahim Abbas Harb, Aminah Miladan and Mahmud Yusuf Muhsin.

At 1550 hours Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas Majdal Zun, firing an air-to-surface missile.

At 1615 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired several 120-mm mortar shells at the area around Mazra'at al-Hamra from the Zafatah position.

At 1800 hours an Israeli gunboat off Qulaylah and Rashidiyah fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions, and occupying Israeli forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm from the position at the Bustan checkpoint.

Between 2000 and 2020 hours the collaborators' militia and occupation forces fired several 81-mm mortar shells at areas along the Litani River and outlying areas of Nabatiyah al-Fawqa from the Sala'ah hill and Dabshah hill positions.

3 December 1999

At 0000 hours occupying Israeli forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 0640 and 0710 hours the collaborators' militia at the Jabal Hamid, Ruways, Rshaf and Qawrah positions fired 10 81-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas around its positions and at outlying areas of Yatar.

Between 1745 and 1820 hours an Israeli gunboat offshore between Ra's al-Ayn and Amiriyah fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions, and occupation forces fired three 81-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Adshit al-Qusayr inside the occupied strip from the Tayyibah position.

At 2015 hours the Lahad proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Litani River from the Tall Alman position.

4 December 1999

Between 0445 and 0545 hours occupying Israeli forces and the collaborators' militia fired at Qusayr and areas along the Litani River from the positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, Tall Ya'qub, Shaqif al-Naml, Bayt Yahun, Ba'lul hill and Sala'ah.

At 0635 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at areas along the Litani River, areas along the Tasah spring and outlying areas of Habbush and Dayr al-Zahrani from the Zafatah position.

At 0645 hours Israeli warplanes attacked the Ayn al-Samahiyah area between Zawtar al-Sharqiyah and Mazra'at al-Hamra, firing an air-to-surface missile.

At 1010 hours the proxy militia fired several 120-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Tasah spring and the Zahrani River from Sujud hill and Suwayda hill.

Between 1425 and 1600 hours Israeli occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm and 81-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the Habbush-Arabsalim highway, the outskirts of Habbush, the southernmost neighbourhood of Arabsalim and areas along the Zahrani River from the Shurayfah, Abu Qamhah, Suwayda hill, Sujud hill and Razlan hill positions. A fire broke out and electricity lines were damaged along the Habbush-Arabsalim road.

Between 1520 and 1610 hours the proxy militia fired several 120-mm and 81-mm mortar shells at Jabal Basil (between Shihin and Zibqin), Wadi al-Magharah (outside Majdal Silm) and Brak (outside Qantarah) from the Yarin, Sala'ah, Qusayr and Tallusah positions.

At 1825 hours the proxy militia fired two 120-mm mortar shells at areas along the Litani River and outlying areas of Zawtar al-Gharbiyah and Zawtar al-Sharqiyah from the Sala'ah position.

5 December 1999

Between 0000 and 0315 hours two Israeli helicopters overflew the occupied strip. At 0300 hours one of them fired an air-to-surface missile at an outlying area of Mansuri.

Between 0605 and 0625 hours occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 0625 and 0710 hours Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas of Mazra'at al-Hamra in four waves, firing an air-to-surface missile.

Between 0950 and 0955 hours the proxy militia fired four 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and two direct-fire rounds at outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Mansuri from the Hardun hill and Shama' hill positions.

At 1110 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired several 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Tasah spring, the area around Sujud hill and Mazra'at Uqmata from the Sujud hill and Rayhan positions.

Between 1210 and 1225 hours occupying Israeli forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

6 December 1999

Between 0000 and 0010 hours the proxy militia fired six 120-mm mortar shells and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at Qasr Ghandur and outlying areas of Nabatiyah al-Fawqa from the Dabshah hill position.

At 0000 hours the collaborators' militia fired eight 120-mm mortar shells at Jabal Jabbur from the Ahmadiyah hill position.

At 0630 hours occupation forces and the Lahad proxy militia fired a direct-fire round and three 81-mm mortar shells and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Mansuri from the Radar hill and Hardun hill positions.

Between 1200 and 1330 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Western Bekaa and the South at various altitudes. At 1205 hours they attacked Sujud town, firing two air-to-surface missiles.

Between 2010 and 2045 hours occupying Israeli forces and the proxy militia fired 15 direct-fire rounds (some of them nail-type projectiles) and three 81-mm mortar shells at the Mansuri lowland and outlying areas of Majdal Zun. Two Syrian labourers, Ali Salih al-Khalif and Sulayman Iwad Dughaym, were hit in the body by several pieces of shrapnel, and Mr. Dughaym was also hit in the neck by a nail. One resident, Ahmad Abd Allah al-Dawud of Burghliyah, also died as a result of the shelling.

Between 2255 and 2315 hours occupying Israeli forces and the collaborators' militia fired several direct-fire rounds, launched illumination flares and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Yuhmur and Kafr Tibnit and the vicinity of the easternmost neighbourhood of Yaham from the positions at Arnun, Qal'at al-Shaqif (Château de Beaufort) and Burj hill. The electricity supply to Kafr Tibnit, Yuhmur and Arnun was disrupted, the exterior walls of two dwellings on the Arnun-Yuhmur road were hit by several direct-fire rounds, and a dwelling in the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Tibnit was hit by a number of rounds.

Between 2230 and 2335 hours occupying Israeli forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas Tibnin from the Mays al-Jabal position.

7 December 1999

Between 1015 and 1045 hours occupation forces fired several 120-mm mortar shells at Mazra'at Uqmata and the area around Sujud hill from the Rayhan position.

At 1300 hours the proxy militia fired five 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Mlikh from the Zafatah position.

Between 1825 and 2050 hours occupying Israeli forces and the proxy militia at the Ksarat al-Urush and Burj hill positions fired three 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Mlikh and launched an illumination flare over Burj hill.

At 1930 hours the proxy militia fired two 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal Bir al-Dahr from the Abu Qamhah position.

Between 2000 and 2015 hours an Israeli gunboat off Amiriyah and the Qulaylah lowland launched two illumination flares off the Amiriyah coast and fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions off the Qulaylah lowland.

8 December 1999

At 0010 hours the collaborators' militia fired a 155-mm artillery shell at an outlying area of Yuhmur from the Zafatah position.

Between 0815 and 1415 hours Israeli warplanes overflew all parts of Lebanon at various altitudes, breaking the sound barrier.

At 1430 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at the area around Sujud hill and outlying areas of Jarju' from the Sujud hill and Rayhan positions.

At 1635 and 1640 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Jabal al-Rafi' and areas along the Tasah spring, firing four air-to-surface missiles.

9 December 1999

At 0615 hours a clash took place between a Resistance group and a Lahad militia patrol in Rabb al-Thalathin. Two members of the Resistance were killed and their bodies later taken to Udaysah.

Between 0620 and 0640 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired five 155-mm artillery shells and several 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Sawwanah and Tamiriyah and at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the Dahr al-Maydan and Muhaysibat positions as well as from the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 0700 and 0740 hours occupying Israeli forces fired 10 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jumayjimah and Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 0830 hours occupation forces fired six 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Qabrikha and at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 0815 and 0910 hours Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas of Qabrikha, Wadi al-Qaysiyah and areas along the Tasah spring, firing six air-to-surface missiles. The Lahad proxy militia also fired several direct-fire rounds and a number of 120-mm mortar shells at areas along the Tasah spring and Wadi Kafra from the Razlan hill and Rayhan hill positions.

At 0935 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jba' from the Shurayfah position.

Between 0950 and 1000 hours Israeli occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at the outskirts of Qabrikha from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 1055 hours Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas of Qabrikha, firing an air-to-surface missile. Window panes were broken in six occupied dwellings belonging to the following: Hasan Najib al-Zayn; Husayn Muhammad Zuhri; Ali Ahmad al-Zayn; Dawud Khalil Fahs; Ali Abbas Mustafa; and Abd Allah Khalil Fahs.

Between 1140 and 1230 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and a number of 120-mm and 81-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas Qa'qa'iyat al-Jisr, Mayfadun, Tibnin and Bra'shit from the positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, Shurayfah hill, Zafatah, Ba'lul hill and Bayt Yahun.

Between 1550 and 1605 hours elements of the collaborators' militia fired seven 81-mm and 60-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at the outskirts of Bra'shit from Ba'lul hill.

Between 1630 and 1800 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South. Between 1730 and 1745 hours they carried out three attacks on areas to the east of Mazra'at Uqmata and the Tall Zunnar slope, firing five air-to-surface missiles. Occupation forces and the proxy militia also fired several 155-mm artillery

shells at Mazra'at Uqmata, outlying areas of Jba' and Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, Zafatah and Shurayfah.

At 1510 hours occupying Israeli forces fired 12 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah and Wadi al-Saluqi from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1805 and 1825 hours two Israeli helicopters attacked Tall Arid al-Zunnar and outlying areas of Luwayzah, firing six air-to-surface missiles.

Between 1830 and 1920 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells, 120-mm mortar shells and direct-fire rounds at Wadi al-Qaysiyah, Wadi al-Saluqi, Wadi Kafra, Habbush, the outskirts of Jba', outlying areas of Mlikh and Luwayzah, areas along the Tasah spring, the area around Sujud hill, Jabal al-Rafi', Mlita hill and Mazra'at Uqmata from the positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, Shurayfah and Zafatah.

At 1835 hours two Israeli helicopters fired three air-to-surface missiles at areas along the Tasah spring.

Between 1915 and 2130 hours Israeli warplanes carried out attacks on outlying areas of Jba', Mlita hill, the Luwayzah-Mlikh road and Wadi Kafra, firing six air-to-surface missiles. In the artillery bombardment of the outskirts of Jba' two occupied dwellings, belonging to Afif Abbas Hasan Aqil and Samir Qasim Wahbah, were hit by several pieces of shrapnel and the windows of a civilian vehicle were broken.

10 December 1999

At 1920 hours Israeli occupation forces fired several illumination flares at the eastern outskirts of Nabatiyah.

At 2100 hours the Jabal Sujud heights and areas along the Zahrani River came under Israeli artillery fire from the enemy's positions in Zafatah.

11 December 1999

At 0435 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions and launched three illumination flares over the shore.

At 0535 hours the proxy militia fired four 81-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun from the Shama' position.

At 0625 hours the proxy militia fired several 81-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Zahrani River, outlying areas of Shukin and the southernmost neighbourhood of Arabsalim from the Suwayda hill position. One 81-mm mortar shell impacted in the yard of Hasan Yunis Makki's home in Habbush and he was hit by several pieces of shrapnel.

At 0650 hours the proxy militia fired seven 81-mm and 120-mm shells at outlying areas of Mansuri and Majdal Zun from the Shama' and Hardun positions.

At intervals between 0950 and 1230 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the North, Mount Lebanon, the Bekaa and the South at very high altitudes. An Israeli reconnaissance aircraft also overflew the Hirmil area at very high altitude.

At 1740 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 120-mm mortar shells at the area around Sujud hill from the Razlan hill position.

Between 1650 and 1950 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Western Bekaa at very high altitudes.

At 1500 and 1510 hours Israeli warplanes attacked the Ksarat al-Urush and Jabal al-Rafi' vicinity, firing two air-to-surface missiles.

Between 1500 and 1545 hours the proxy militia fired several 81-mm mortar shells and 155-mm artillery shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at the area around Sujud hill, Bayt Yahun, outlying areas of Haddatha and Bra'shit from the Ba'lul hill, Shaqif al-Naml, Bayt Yahun and Zafatah positions.

12 December 1999

Between 0000 and 0020 hours the collaborators' militia fired 16 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Tiri, Haddatha and Shaqra from the Shaqif al-Naml, Ruwaysat al-Jamus, Hula and Shal'abun positions.

Between 0630 and 0645 hours occupying Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Zawtar al-Gharbiyah from the Shurayfah position.

At 1320 hours the proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas Yatar from the Bayt Lif position.

Between 1630 and 1655 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired four 120-mm mortar shells at Harbayya hill from the Ayn Qinya position and 10 more at the Mimis ridge from Zaghlah hill. It also directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the same locality.

At 1815 hours occupying Israeli forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 1835 hours a direct-fire round fired from the occupied strip impacted in the wadi between Bisri and Kafr Milki.

At 2000 hours occupying Israeli forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas Majdal Zun and Izziyah from the Tall Ya'qub position.

At 2110 hours several 120-mm mortar shells fired from the occupied strip fell in outlying areas of Jba'.

At 2115 hours the Lahad proxy militia at the Ruways position directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas around the position itself.

At 1740 hours occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar from the Tall Ya'qub position.

At 1855 hours the proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire towards the sea from the Bayyadah position.

At 1900 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells at Jabal al-Shuriyah and Sujud hill from the Rayhan and Qusayr positions.

Between 2030 and 2045 hours the proxy militia fired several 81-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the outskirts of Bra'shit and outlying areas of Haddatha and Tibnin from the Ba'lul hill, Bayt Yahun and Shaqif al-Naml positions.

13 December 1999

For unknown reasons, at 0700 hours the Lahad proxy militia in Arnun arrested three persons, Muhammad Ali Maruni, Ali Ahmad Tawbah and Mahmud Ali Assaf, and took them off in the direction of Marj Uyun. At 1345 hours it released all of them, together with all those arrested on 23 November except for the woman called Shamlakan. They remained in their town.

At 0645 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired several 155-mm artillery shells at the area around Sujud hill and areas along the Tasah spring from the Zafatah position.

At 0700 hours the collaborators' militia fired nine 120-mm mortar shells at Jabal Jabbur from the Ahmadiyah hill position. A 120-mm mortar shell fired from the militia's position at Zafatah impacted some 50 metres from the home of Yusuf Ali Haydar in the southernmost neighbourhood of Arabsalim, breaking the window panes.

At 1630 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired three direct-fire rounds and four 120-mm and 81-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Mansuri from the Radar, Shama' and Hardun positions.

14 December 1999

Between 0530 and 0600 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired several 81-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Zahrani River towards Habbush from the Suwayda hill position.

Between 0600 and 0655 hours the proxy militia fired several 120-mm and 81-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Yatar, Rshaf, Haddatha and Tibnin from the Shaqif al-Naml, Bayt Yahun, Rshaf and Bayt Lifa positions.

Between 1440 and 1510 hours Israeli warplanes attacked areas along the Tasah spring in two waves, firing three air-to-surface missiles.

At 1855 hours the proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the Nabatiyah vicinity and the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Tibnit from the Burj hill and Ali al-Tahir positions. In Nabatiyah Hanan Abd al-Wahhab Andris (an Ethiopian woman) was hit by a 12.7-mm round.

At 2015 hours occupation forces at Qal'at al-Shaqif (Château de Beaufort) fired several 120-mm mortar shells and direct-fire rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Litani River and the Yuhmur vicinity.

Between 2105 and 2200 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi al-Fatir from the Ayn Qinya and Zimriya positions.

15 December 1999

Between 0005 and 0500 hours the proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi al-Fatir from the two Ayn Qinya positions.

At 0330 hours the proxy militia fired three 120-mm mortar shells at Jabal Jabbur from the Ahmadiyah hill position.

At 0530 and 1000 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm and 81-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Shu'aytiyah, Jibal al-Butm, Haddatha, Bra'shit, Bayt Yahun, Zawtar al-Sharqiyah, Qa'qa'iyat al-Jisr, Mayfadun, Shukin, Mazra'at al-Hamra, Wadi al-Qaysiyah, Mazra'at Uqmata, areas along the Zahrani River and the area around Sujud hill from the positions at Sujud hill, Rayhan, Aramta, Dabshah hill, Tahrah hill, Qal'at al-Shaqif (Château de Beaufort), Zafatah, Shurayfah, Tayyibah, Ba'lul hill, Ruways, Bayt Yahun, Hardun, Radar, the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and Tall Ya'qub. An 81-mm mortar shell impacted on the road to Zawtar al-Sharqiyah and damaged a vehicle and wounded the driver, Ali Ahmad Hurqus. In an outlying area of Bayt Yahun one woman, Turkiyah Baydun, was so badly wounded that she was taken to Israel.

At 0945 hours the proxy militia at the Zimriya crossing position directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire in the direction of the crossing itself.

At 1015 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Jabal Jabbur, firing four air-to-surface missiles.

Between 1010 and 1110 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Sujud town, Mlita hill, areas along the Tasah spring and outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm and Shu'aytiyah, firing five air-to-surface missiles. The schools in Marj Uyun and Rayhan were closed. In Mayfadun four occupied dwellings were hit by several pieces of shrapnel, namely those of Ali Yasin Jawad, Malik Muhammad Ali Jabir, Yusuf Ali Jabir and Ra'uf Shuhuri.

Between 2030 and 2100 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Tasah spring and the outskirts of Jarju' from the Shurayfah and Sujud hill positions.

At 1700 hours in Arnun a patrol of the Lahad proxy militia's security service arrested Ibrahim Muhammad Assaf and Husayn Ali Assaf (father of the Shamlakan Assaf arrested on 23 November).

16 December 1999

At 0240 hours Israeli occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Zibqin and Jibal al-Butm from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 0330 and 0620 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions and occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Zibqin and Jibal al-Butm from the position at the Bustan checkpoint.

Between 0620 and 0700 hours occupying Israeli forces fired 15 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah and outlying areas of Majdal Zun, Shaqra and Jumayjimah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 0430 and 0445 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired several 155-mm artillery shells at the Yuhmur lowland from the Zafatah position.

Between 0600 and 0720 hours the collaborators' militia fired four direct-fire rounds and five 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Mansuri and Majdal Zun from the Shama' positions.

Between 0730 and 0735 hours the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at the Yuhmur lowland from the Zafatah position.

At 0940 hours the collaborators' militia fired four 120-mm mortar shells, two of which landed in areas along the Tasah spring while the others impacted in the yard at the Arabsalim school. Fifteen pupils at the school received miscellaneous injuries from broken glass and shrapnel. They included: Ali Yusuf Hamud, 12; Malak Husayn Shams al-Din, 13; Mahmud Husayn Hasan Musa, 11; Muna Adnan Shararah, 9; Ali Ahmad Safadiyah, 9; Muhammad Husayn Nadhr, 12; Husayn Fayyad Harb, 13; Marawi Husayn Hasan, 8; Hanan Muhammad Musa, 10; Hasan Hamzah Sa'adah, 12; Rabab Ahmad Fahs, 12; Ali Mahmud Shararah, 4; and Husayn Muhammad Harb, 12. Slightly injured were Muna Farhat, Ahmad Hasan, Muhammad Ali Farhat and Ali Ahmad Safadiyah.

Between 1350 and 1550 hours occupying Israeli forces fired 10 155-mm artillery shells and five 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas Mayfadun, Zibqin, Jibal al-Butm and Majdal Zun from the positions at Shurayfah, Tall Ya'qub and the Bustan checkpoint.

At 1950 hours the proxy militia fired four 120-mm mortar shells at Jabal al-Rafi' from the Rayhan position.

17 December 1999

Between 0340 and 0500 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South at very high altitudes.

Between 0330 and 0445 hours Israeli occupation forces and the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells, 120-mm mortar shells and direct-fire rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Jarju', the area around Sujud hill and areas along the Tasah spring from the Shurayfah, Zafatah and Sujud hill positions.

Between 1100 and 1120 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the coastal area of the Shuf, Zgharta, Bsharri, Kurah, Batrun and the Bekaa at very high altitudes, breaking the sound barrier.

Between 1100 and 1250 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Sidon area and the Western Bekaa at very high altitudes.

Between 1135 and 1215 hours the collaborators' militia fired four direct-fire rounds and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Frun and Zibqin from the Shihin position.

At 2255 hours occupation forces fired a 155-mm artillery shell at an outlying area of Jibal al-Butm from the Tall Ya'qub position.

18 December 1999

Between 0430 and 0530 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0650 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the outskirts of Majdal Zun from the Tallusah position.

Between 2125 and 2135 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas around the Tallusah position from the position itself.

19 December 1999

At intervals between 0430 and 0530 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0645 hours the proxy militia fired seven 120-mm mortar shells at the Jabal Jabbur vicinity from Ahmadiyah hill.

Between 1455 and 1535 hours the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at Sujud hill from the Sujud hill, Rayhan and Zafatah positions.

At 2025 hours the collaborators' militia fired two direct-fire rounds at an outlying area of Majdal Zun from the Shama' position.

Between 2250 and 2345 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South at various altitudes. At 2300 and 2325 hours they attacked the area around Sujud hill and Mazra'at Uqmata, firing two air-to-surface missiles.

20 December 1999

At 0000 hours Israeli warplanes attacked an area to the west of Jabal Jabbur, firing an air-to-surface missile, and the collaborators' militia fired five 120-mm mortar shells at Jabal Jabbur from the Ahmadiyah position.

Between 0430 and 0630 hours an Israeli gunboat offshore between Qulaylah and Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0535 and 0550 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South at very high altitudes.

At 0555 hours Israeli warplanes attacked an area to the west of Jabal Jabbur, firing an air-to-surface missile.

At 1900 hours the collaborators' militia and occupying Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Tasah spring, at outlying areas of Kafr Rumman, Habbush and Arabsalim and at the area around Suwayda hill from the Razlan hill, Suwayda hill, Dabshah hill and Zafatah positions. The Arid al-Hawwa vicinity, under the 123rd Battalion, also came under medium-weapons fire from Suwayda hill.

21 December 1999

Between 1820 and 1900 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-machine-gun fire in all directions.

22 December 1999

During the day elements of the Lahad proxy militia's security service in Shab'a arrested Fadi Murshid Dahir.

At 1000 hours the proxy militia arrested Ahmad Abd al-Hamid Surur in Atya al-Sha'b in the occupied strip and took him to Khiyam prison.

Between 1440 and 1445 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Western Bekaa at very high altitudes.

At 1510 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the area around the Zimriya crossing from the Zimriya position.

23 December 1999

Between 0305 and 0400 hours the collaborators' militia fired 20 120-mm mortar shells at Jabal al-Khalawat and Qa'qur hill from the Zaghlah and Abu Qamhah positions and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi al-Fatir, the Mimis ridge and Jabal Bir al-Dahr from Zimriya hill.

At 0430 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri stopped the fishing boat Duha (No. 1270) with Khalil Ali Darmist and his brother Abbas on board. They were taken off in a westerly direction.

At 1015 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Batrun area at very high altitudes.

In Ayta al-Sha'b the Lahad proxy militia arrested Murtada al-Sayyid Muhsin Murtada and took him to Khiyam prison.

At 1935 hours occupying Israeli forces at Dabshah hill directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Nabatiyah al-Fawqa and the area around the hill itself.

At 1820 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions and launched three illumination flares over the sea off the same coast.

Between 2045 and 2100 hours the collaborators' militia at the Tahrah hill and Ali al-Tahir hill positions fired several 81-mm mortar shells and two direct-fire rounds at the abandoned Lebanese Army barracks in Nabatiyah and at areas around the hills themselves.

Between 2200 and 2230 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the Nabatiyah and Iqlim al-Tuffah areas at very high altitude.

24 December 1999

At 0000 hours the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at the area around Sujud hill and areas along the Tasah spring from the Zafatah and Sujud hill positions.

Between 1040 and 1105 hours Israeli warplanes overflew all parts of Lebanon at very high altitudes, breaking the sound barrier.

Between 1155 and 1240 hours occupation forces and the Lahad proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells, direct-fire rounds and 120-mm and 81-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm, Zibqin, Shu'aytiyah, Majdal Zun, Mansuri, Yatar, Wadi al-Kafur and areas along the Zahrani River from the Tall Ya'qub, Bayyadah, Shama' and Zafatah positions.

Between 1355 and 1530 hours occupying Israeli forces and the Lahad proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm and 81-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Qusayr, areas along the Tasah spring, Wadi Habbush, Wadi al-Qaysiyah, Arabsalim and outlying areas of Mansuri and Majdal Zun from the positions at Zafatah, the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, Ksarat al-Urush, Sala'ah and Ba'lul hill.

Between 1650 and 1740 hours occupation forces fired 21 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm, Shu'aytiyah, Zibqin, Majdal Zun and Mansuri from the Tall Ya'qub position.

At 1745 hours an Israeli gunboat off Rashidiyah fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 1755 and 1845 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South at various altitudes. At 1815 and 1830 hours they attacked outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm and Shu'aytiyah, firing two air-to-surface missiles.

25 December 1999

Between 1325 and 1345 hours there was an exchange of automatic-weapons fire between a joint proxy militia/Israeli occupation forces patrol and Resistance elements near the Kafr Hunah triangle. Resistance member Bilal Mulhim al-Bazzal was killed.

Between 1345 and 1430 hours the proxy militia fired 25 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal Jabbur and the areas round about from the Abu Qamhah position.

At 1415 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Jabal Jabbur, firing an air-to-surface missile.

Between 1500 and 1600 hours occupation forces fired eight 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar, Izziyah and Majdal Zun from the Tall Ya'qub position.

At 2125 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jba' from the Shurayfah and Abu Qamhah positions.

During the day the Lahad militia arrested Mazin Murshid Khasir, Arafat Sa'b and Khalid Mahmud, all of them from Shab'a, and took them to Khiyam prison.

26 December 1999

At 0700 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired several 81-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the area around the Suwayda hill position and areas along the Zahrani River from the position itself.

At 1620 hours the proxy militia fired three 155-mm artillery shells at areas along the Zahrani River from the Zafatah position.

Between 1950 and 2200 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and six 81-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm, Zibqin, Shu'aytiyah, Mazra'at al-Hamra, Haddatha, Tiri and Majdal Silm from the Zafatah, Ruwaysat al-Jamus, Hula, Tall Ya'qub and Shaqif al-Naml positions.

27 December 1999

Between 0000 and 0100 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the Nabatiyah and Iqlim al-Tuffah areas at very high altitude.

At 0445 hours an Israeli gunboat off Ra's al-Ayn fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0630 and 0700 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired 15 81-mm mortar shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Haris and Haddatha from the Qawzah and Shaqif al-Naml positions.

Between 0850 and 0905 hours the proxy militia fired four 81-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Haddatha from the Ruways position.

Between 1430 and 1450 hours the proxy militia fired several 81-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Haddatha and Bra'shit from the Ruways, Shaqif al-Naml, Ba'lul hill and Bayt Yahun positions.

Between 1940 and 2030 hours the proxy militia and occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Shaqra, Yatar, Jibal al-Butm, Zibqin and Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the positions at Tall Ya'qub, the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and Hula.

28 December 1999

Between 1400 and 1445 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm and 81-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi al-Hujayr from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1420 and 1500 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South at various altitudes. At 1455 hours they attacked the area around Mazra'at al-Hamra and areas along the Litani River towards Shuriyah, firing two air-to-surface missiles.

Between 0615 and 0625 hours the proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Tasah spring and the outskirts of Jarju' from the Sujud hill position.

At 1030 hours the proxy militia at the Zimriya crossing position directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at the area around the crossing itself.

During the day Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas of Jba' and Kafr Fila and Wadi Kafra. In an outlying area of Kafr Fila window panes in three occupied dwellings - those of Hasan Muhammad Rashid, Yahya Hammadah and Husayn Ahmad Hamdan - were broken.

29 December 1999

Between 0530 and 0540 hours the collaborators' militia fired six 120-mm mortar shells at Jabal Jabbur from the Ahmadiyah hill position.

Between 1200 and 1310 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Western Bekaa, the North, Mount Lebanon and the South at very high altitudes, breaking the

sound barrier. An Israeli reconnaissance aircraft also overflew the area to the east of Tyre at very high altitude.

At 0715 hours the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm and 81-mm mortar shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Habbush and Arabsalim and at areas along the Zahrani River from the Zafatah and Suwayda hill positions.

At 1230 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Western Bekaa at moderate altitudes.

Between 1345 and 1530 hours occupying Israeli forces fired 10 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah and outlying areas of Sawwanah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1410 and 1600 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells, 81-mm and 120-mm mortar shells and direct-fire rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Majdal Zun, Zibqin, Jibal al-Butm, Shu'aytiyah, Jba', Wadi Kafra, areas along the Tasah spring, the area around Sujud hill, Jabal Safi and Mlita hill from the Sujud, Razlan, Rajmin, Shama', Tall Ya'qub, Zafatah and Rayhan positions.

Between 1500 and 1600 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South at various altitudes. At 1530 and 1535 hours they attacked outlying areas of Jba' and the Jabal Safi vicinity, firing three air-to-surface missiles.

At 1435 hours the collaborators' militia fired 17 120-mm mortar shells at the area around Jabal Jabbur from the Ahmadiyah hill position.

At 1800 hours Israeli occupation forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Shu'aytiyah, Zibqin, Yatar and Jibal al-Butm from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 2130 and 2140 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia at Qal'at al-Shaqif (Château de Beaufort), Tahrah hill, Dabshah hill and Suwayda hill directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Kafr Rumman and Mayfadun and at areas around the positions themselves.

At 2200 hours occupation forces fired six 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun, Zibqin and Mansuri from the Tall Ya'qub position.

30 December 1999

At 0100 hours occupying Israeli forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and direct-fire rounds at outlying areas of Mayfadun from Qal'at al-Shaqif (Château de Beaufort) and Zafatah.

Between 0500 and 0600 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0655 and 0715 hours Israeli occupation forces fired 10 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun, Mansuri, Zibqin, Jibal al-Butm and Shu'aytiyah from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 0850 and 0925 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired five 155-mm artillery shells and four 81-mm mortar shells at outlying areas of Yatar and Haddatha from the Tall Ya'qub and Ruwaysat al-Jamus positions.

31 December 1999

Between 0645 and 0710 hours the proxy militia fired 11 120-mm mortar shells at Jabal Jabbur from the Ahmadiyah hill position.

At 1120 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Western Bekaa at very high altitudes.

Between 1220 and 1235 hours Israeli occupation forces fired two 155-mm artillery shells and two 120-mm mortar shells at outlying areas Zibqin and Majdal Zun from the position at the Bustan checkpoint.

Between 1440 and 1530 hours the Lahad proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Mansuri and Majdal Zun from the Shama' and Hardun positions.

At 1915 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at Habbush, Ali al-Tahir, the area around Qasr Ghandur and abandoned Lebanese Army barracks in Nabatiyah and outlying areas of Nabatiyah al-Fawqa and Kafr Tibnit from the Dabshah hill and Ali al-Tahir hill positions.

The Lebanese Government strongly condemns the continued Israeli occupation and the fresh attacks and arbitrary practices against the Lebanese civilian population that have left a number of dead and wounded and have caused further serious damage to property.

Like previous attacks, this new series is in flagrant violation of the sovereignty and independence of Lebanon and constitutes a breach of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, of international law and of basic human rights.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

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